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CHAPTER 137

FUNERAL

赤木しげる
伴い左記の逝去に
告別式を執り行い
ます。

年利8%

クレジット



I PROBABLY
WOULD HAVE
JUST
STRUGGLED

...

IF I
KEPT
GOING
.....

THE VISION OF
THEIR GENIUS...!

I'LL NEVER
REACH

BUT...

WILL NEVER
LEAVE ME
MY WHOLE
LIFELONG

THAT
SUPERIORITY
COMPLEX
.....



IT'S...
LIKE MY MIND
IS ASLEEP

THIS
FEELING...



NO
MATTER
WHAT I
DO

I'M LISTLESS
AND TROUBLED



AS
IF...



LIKE MY BODY
IS COVERED BY
LAYERS OF A
THIN FILM...

SINKING INTO
APATHY...



THAT'S
WHAT THIS
FEELING
IS...

I'M SLOWLY
DYING.



TOGETHER
STUCK TOGETHER
TOGETHER



MAYBE THAT
WOULD BE BETTER
THAN BEING LIKE
THIS EVERY DAY

.....
YEAH
.....









赤木しげる逝去に伴い左記の通り
告別式を執り行
います。

(なお、お車での参列)

A FUNERAL CEREMONY
WILL BE HELD FOLLOWING
THE PASSING OF
AKAGI SHIGERU.

ご親者は





WHAT
.....!?



IT'S THE
SAME
FIRST AND
LAST NAME
.....

HE
COULDN'T
BE
DEAD
.....



LIKE THAT
WOULD EVER
HAPPEN.....!



THAT'S
CRAZY
.....

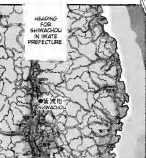












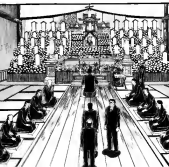




SEIKAN
TEMPLE

IWATE
PREFECTURE
SHINACHOU









PEOPLE
DIE...



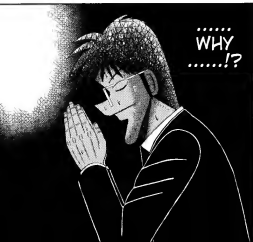
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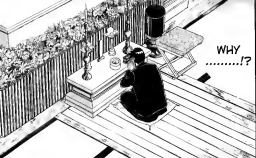
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LURGH
...



HE ALREADY
HAD A HUNCH...

AT
THAT
TIME







ACTUALLY ...

YES.



ARE YOU
SOMEONE
HIDEYUKI
.....?



YES.

THE
VIGIL
.....?



THOSE WHO
KNOW HIM WELL
ARE PLANNING
TO STAY FOR
THE ALL-NIGHT
VIGIL*.....

WOULD YOU
LIKE TO
ATTEND?

AFTER-
WARDS
...

* THE ALL-NIGHT VIGIL OF "TRUTH" IS A SURVIVAL CHALLENGE EVENT. WHEN FINISHING THE CHALLENGE, YOU CAN GET THE TRUTH OF THE CASE.



HEH...

IT WAS
ARRANGED
TO BE
AFTER THE
CEREMONY.

IS
DIFF-
ERENT.



HA...



THIS
TIME
...

BUT... ISN'T
THAT NORMALLY
BEFORE THE
CEREMONY...





HAVING THE
ALL-NIGHT
VIGIL AFTER
THE FUNERAL

.....

IT'S
THE FIRST
TIME I'VE
HEARD OF

IT'S
PRETTY
STRANGE

...

WAS STRANGE
TOO...



THAT
NOTICE
IN THE
PAPER

WHEN I
THINK
ABOUT
IT NOW

AND
.....



IN
AKAGI'S
CASE



A GENERAL
IDEA OF THE
CAUSE OF
DEATH
WOULD BE
LISTED, TOO,
BUT...

WOULD HAVE
THE DAY AND TIME
THE PERSON DIED...
AND... WHO THE
CHIEF MOURNER
WOULD BE... AND
SO ON...

A NORMAL
FUNERAL
NOTICE...



THAT
WAS
ALL

THE TIME AND
PLACE OF THE
FUNERAL...



THERE WASN'T A SINGLE ONE
OF THOSE THINGS...
JUST ABRUPTLY



IN SHORT...

.....WHICH WOULD
MEAN THAT THE
TIME AND CAUSE
OF DEATH ARE
UNKNOWN...



YOU'D THINK THAT
HE'D BE IN TERRIBLE
CONDITION, NOTHING
BUT BLEACHED BONES
LEFT, BUT.....



LYING
DEAD ON THE
SIDE
OF THE
ROAD SOME-
WHERE

HIS FACE
WAS PERFECT
EVEN IN
DEATH...

BUT THAT
WASN'T
RIGHT.







IT WAS
8 PM.

WHEN
THEY
CAME
TO GET
HIM.



HE WAITED
IN THAT
ROOM FOR
FOUR
HOURS.



AFTER THE
FUNERAL
CEREMONY
WAS OVER.



NOW...

YOU WILL BE
GUIDED TO
THE LOCATION.



EVERYTHING
IS FINALLY
PREPARED.

MY APOLOGIES
FOR THE LONG
WAIT..



IS READY
TO TAKE
YOU THERE.



THE
CHIEF
JOURNER



TO YOUR
SEAT FOR
THE VIGIL.



PLEASE GO
ALONG WITH
HIM



CHIEF
JOURNER
.....?











HEH
HEH...



WHY ARE
YOU GETTING
EVERYONE
UPSET...!



AKAGI
.....!

I'LL TELL
YOU ABOUT
IT ON THE
WAY THERE

AH...
HELL...

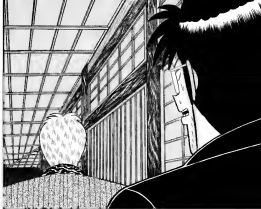


BECAUSE
THERE'S
NO DOUBT
ABOUT IT
...!



WHY
.....?!

TODAY
IS MY
FUNERAL
...!











IN A FEW
HOURS...

I'LL BE
READY
TO DIE





HUH
...!?

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CHAPTER 139

THE REASON

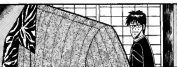
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EVEN IF IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME HEARING IT.....







AKAGI

.....







EVERY-
BODY
...!

IT'S...



IN
THAT
ROOM





A
RAINFULLY
SOLENN
ATMOSPHERE



TEN...

THE
IMPORTANCE
OF WHAT
WAS GOING
TO HAPPEN

TEN...



SOME-
THING'S
WRONG
WITH
ARAGI...

HE'S BEEN
SAYING
STRANGE
THINGS...



IT'S
THEY
BROUGHT
HERE

AS
EXPECTED,
ARAGI
WAS
ALONE
OF IT...









IS THE PRESENT
CONDITION OF
AKAGI'S BRAIN



?

THAT



JUST FROM
LOOKING AT
THIS MRI,
BUT COMPARED
TO ITS NORMAL
STATE...

YOU
MIGHT NOT
UNDERSTAND

HHH
...?



THE DISEASE HAS
PROGRESSSED FROM
THE INITIAL STAGE TO
TO THE INTERMEDIATE
STAGES... IT'S BEING
EATEN AWAY.....

THERE'S
ALREADY A
NUMBER OF
SPOTS WHERE
DAMAGE HAS
OCCURRED...

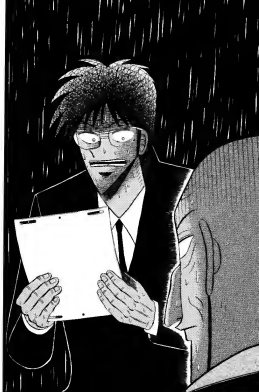
















NO

.....!





WHY...!?

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RESOLVE

WHY
WOULD THE
BRILLIANT
AKAGI.....

WHY...
WOULD HE DO
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT
.....!?















HE
DIDN'T
KNOW
THINGS
LIKE THAT
ANYMORE
.....

TODAY'S
DATE...

OR...



FROM WHAT
THE PRIEST
SAID, HE'S
ALREADY
LOST A LOT
...

DIDN'T
SEEM TO
BE TRUE
...



EVEN SIMPLE
ARITHMETIC IS
IMPOSSIBLE.

HIS OWN
AGE...

HE'S
GRADUALLY
LOSING HIS
MEMORY...



KEEPING HIS
INTELLECT...

HIRO...



DOES HE
STILL SOUND
SO MUCH
LIKE HE
ALWAYS
DID...

BUT
WHY...

LIKE THE
AKAGI WE
REMEMBER



WE'LL
LET
HIM
DIE
...!



AKAGI
IS STILL
AKAGI...!

WHILE
.....



THAT
MEANS

.....

BUT

...



AKAGI
WILL DIE
AS AKAGI

IF THAT'S
THE ONLY
ROAD LEFT
TO HIM,
THERE'S
NOTHING
WE CAN
DO...!









THROUGH THE
NEEDLE IN
HIS ARM

WHEN
AKAGI
PRESSED
A SWITCH

THE PRINCIPLE
OF THE DEVICE
IS EXACTLY WHAT
IT SOUNDS LIKE.

FIRST...

THE
SETUP IS
SIMPLE.

THAT
NEGATIVE
IS INJECTED

WILL
LEAVE A
PERSON INTO A
DEEP
SLEEP.

A
DRUG
THAT,
IN 20
OR 30
SECONDS

TWO-
MINUTE.

A
MINUTE
LATER

HE WILL
GO INTO
CARDIAC
ARREST

WHILE
AKAGI IS
IN A DEEP
AND
PAINLESS
SLEEP

A FLUID
CONTAINING A
MIXTURE OF
SODIUM CHLORIDE
AND
SUCCINYLCHOLINE
IS INJECTED

FROM
THE
SAME
NEEDLE

WHICH WILL
NORMALLY
PARALYZE THE
HEART MUSCLE
IN 3-5
MINUTES.

HE'LL
DIE
.....!





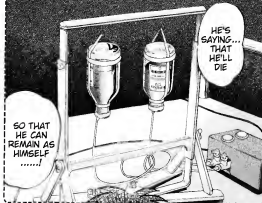
















YOUR
LAST
TIME
WITH
AKAGI...

AND
HOW YOU
WILL
SPEND

DECIDE
WHAT
STANCE
YOU WILL
TAKE

EACH
ONE OF
YOU...

STARTING
WITH THOSE
WHO HAVE
DECIDED.

WE'LL GO
TO SEE HIM
IN TURN

WITHOUT
SAYING
A WORD
.....

OR

WILL
YOU
STOP
HIM
.....

IN THE
END...





CHAPTER 141

RETIRE

















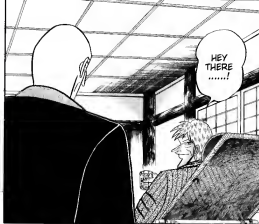
THE
LAST
TIME
WITH
AKAGI
...!

















BECAUSE
AKASH
PUT IT IN
HIS WILL

"THERE'S
NOTHING
WE CAN
DO ABOUT
IT"

AND HE'S
DEAD NOW
...."



HEH
HEH
HEH
...

IT SEEMS
THAT THEY
NEVER
INTENDED
FOR IT TO
BE A LOAN



IT WAS
A BIT OF
WORK.

THAT WAS
HOW I HAD
TO FORCE
IT ON THEM,
BUT...



HEH
HEH
HEH...

THERE'S
A HUGE
SURPLUS
.....

THANKS TO
THAT, MY
CALCULATIONS
FOR THE
FUNERAL
ARE WAY
OFF.



MOST OF
THE MONEY
GIVEN AT THE
FUNERAL
TODAY

WAS
QUICKLY
RETURNING
WHAT HAD
BEEN PAID
BACK.









EVERYONE
WOULD
GATHER,
SHUFFLING
AROUND

AFTER
A
PERSON
DIED



THE
ALL-
NIGHT
VIGIL...

THE
OTHER
WAY
AROUND
...?



IF THEY'RE
GOING TO GO
TO THE TROUBLE
OF GETTING
TOGETHER



WITHOUT
UNDERSTANDING
THE PERSON
WHO DIED.



MEET
BEFORE
THE
PERSON
DIES...

AND IF
THERE'S
SOMETHING
TO SAY...

IT SHOULD
BE BEFORE
DEATH
.....



I THOUGHT
OF THAT.....

DURING
THE EAST-WEST
BATTLE...!











THERE'S
NOTHING
TO WORRY
ABOUT...





I WANT TO
DIE AS I
AM NOW
.....!

SIMPLY
PUT...

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CHAPTER 142

PROMISE



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A COLD-
HEARTED
MAN



NO
COLDHEARTED
MAN WOULD
STICK HIS
NECK OUT
TO HELP
SOMEONE
ELSE OUT..



YOU'RE
WRONG
...

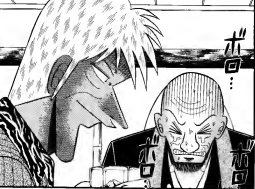


YOU...

WOULD
JUST BE
WATCHING
FROM THE
SIDELINES.













YOU
CAN
STOP
.....!

THERE'S
NO
SHAME
IN
THAT!



IF YOU
THINK YOU
SHOULD
EXTEND
YOUR TIME
HERE A
LITTLE...

IF YOU
WANT TO
STOP,
EVEN A
LITTLE...



FLING
AWAY THAT
ATTITUDE
YOU'VE HAD
SO FAR...

IF YOU
CHANGE
YOUR
MIND...



DON'T BE
STUBBORN
AND DIE...!



AKAGI
.....!

TURN
BACK
....!









WHEN
I DIE...

AND
DECIDES
TO TURN
BACK...



IF I
HES-
TATE

I WON'T
BE
CONVINCED
...



I'LL
ALREADY
BE DEAD
IN SPIRIT
...!

















I'LL
STOP
HIM
.....!

E=mc²...

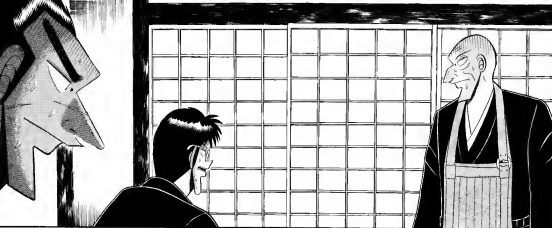


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WILL









NATURALLY
HE
COULDN'T
APPROVE
OF THIS
and



BUT...



AKAGI'S
DEATH

WASN'T
SOME-
THING
HE COULD
LET SLIP
BY...?



IT
WAS
NO
GOOD...



AKAGI
WOULDN'T
CHANGE
HIS
MIND...











THE
WAY I
SEE
FIT....!

I'LL
GO...



HAVE SOME
RESPECT FOR
MY WILL....!

THAN
AKAGI'S
...!

MY
WILL IS
STRONGER







SILENTLY
SEEING
HIM OFF
...

IN
THE
END



RESPECTING
AKAGI'S
WILL...

SO...



SOME-
THING
LIKE
THAT
...



I'LL
NEVER BE
ABLE TO
ACT LIKE
THAT
.....!



THOSE
RESERVED
MANNERS
...

.....
THAT
KIND
OF
THING
.....







WAS
LOST
IN
CONF-
USION
...!

EVERY-
ONE...

YES
...





BUT IT
WASN'T
THAT
SIMPLE.

THAT
WOULD
BE ALL
THEY
COULD
DO.

THEY COULD
PREVENT
AKASHI FROM
DYING,
FOR THE
TIME BEING.

IF ONLY



MIGHT BE
GOOD
ENOUGH.

TO
RECONSIDER
SUICIDE.

TO
CONVINCE
AKASHI

OF
COURSE.



BUT...





YES



AND
IN
THAT
CASE

ALL THEY
COULD DO WAS
SEE HIM TO
HIS END AND
BE SATISFIED
WITH THEIR
FOND MEMORIES

and



IT WAS
OVER...

IF AKAGI
COULD
NOT BE
SHAVED



COULD
THEY
LET A
THING
LIKE
THIS
HAPPEN
...?



WOULD THOSE
GATHERED
AROUND
HIM TO
HIS END, OR
WOULD THEY
SIDE WITH
THEIR OWN
SELFISH
FEELINGS
...?



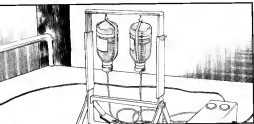
THEIR
FINAL
PART-
ING

THEIR
LAST
TIME
WITH
AKASHI
...

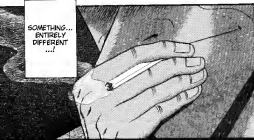


WHEN
WHAT
AKASHI
DESIRED
WAS...





SOMETHING...
ENTIRELY
DIFFERENT
...!









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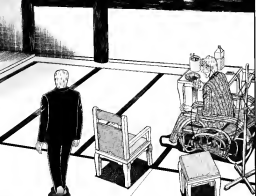
CONSCIOUSNESS



















IT'S
NOTHING
SPECIAL
....!



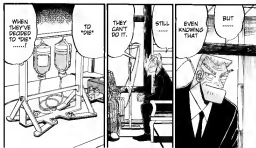
I GUESS
THAT'S
WHAT I
WANT TO
SAY...



HEH
HEH
...















AREN'T
YOU
SCARED
...?



























I'LL
DIE
FIRST
.....!



IT'LL
BE A
CLEAN
DEATH
.....!



WARMLY

...

AS MUCH
AS YOU
CAN.....





